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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	US 3,489,383 A (ANSON) 13 January 1970, see entire document.	1 and 2
A	US 3,131,900 A (ANDERSON et al) 05 May 1964, see entire document.	1-35
A	US 5,664,750 A (COHEN) 09 September 1997, see entire document.	1-35
A	US 3,424,419 A (SIEGEL) 28 January 1969, see entire document.	1-35
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